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SOLID STATE LASER
APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the indicated claims with:

1. (Amended) A semiconductor laser excitation solid state apparatus comprising:
a solid state laser element containing an active medium;
a semiconductor laser for optically exciting said solid state laser element;
a power supply for supplying electric power to said semiconductor laser; and
an optical resonator for producing a laser beam emitted from said optically excited solid state laser element, wherein, when said semiconductor laser is pulsed with a pulse of current to excite said solid state laser element, the current supplied to said solid state laser element is changed during the pulse.

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